

Race and Hispanic Origin for Iowa: 1840 to 1990

| Census Year | Total population | Race | | | | | | | | | | Hispanic origin (of any race) | | White, not of Hispanic origin | |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|
| | | White | | Black | | American Indian, Eskimo, and Aluet | | Asian and Pacific Islander | | Other race | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | | | | |
| 1990 | 2,776,755 | 2,683,090 | 96.6% | 48,090 | 1.7% | 7,349 | 0.3% | 25,476 | 0.9% | 12,750 | 0.5% | 32,647 | 1.2% | 2,663,840 | 95.9% |
| Sample | 2,776,755 | 2,685,099 | 96.7% | 47,259 | 1.7% | 7,811 | 0.3% | 24,325 | 0.9% | 12,261 | 0.4% | 30,642 | 1.1% | 2,667,366 | 96.1% |
| 1980 | 2,913,808 | 2,839,225 | 97.4% | 41,700 | 1.4% | 5,455 | 0.2% | 11,577 | 0.4% | 15,851 | 0.5% | 25,536 | 0.9% | 2,823,342 | 96.9% |
| Sample | 2,913,808 | 2,841,326 | 97.5% | 42,228 | 1.4% | 6,342 | 0.2% | 13,847 | 0.5% | 10,065 | 0.3% | 26,274 | 0.9% | 2,824,427 | 96.9% |
| 1970 | 2,824,376 | 2,782,762 | 98.5% | 32,596 | 1.2% | 2,992 | 0.1% | 3,420 | 0.1% | 2,606 | 0.1% | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) |
| 15% sample ¹ | 2,824,376 | 2,784,904 | 98.6% | 32,339 | 1.1% | 2,829 | 0.1% | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | 17,448 | 0.6% | 2,768,049 | 98.0% |
| 5% sample | 2,824,376 | 2,785,185 | 98.6% | 32,607 | 1.2% | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | 21,017 | 0.7% | 2,764,770 | 97.9% |
| 1960 | 2,757,537 | 2,728,709 | 99.0% | 25,354 | 0.9% | 1,708 | 0.1% | 1,189 | - | 577 | - | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) |
| 1950 | 2,621,073 | 2,599,546 | 99.2% | 19,692 | 0.8% | 1,804 | - | 671 | - | 80 | - | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) |
| 1940 ² | 2,538,268 | 2,520,691 | 99.3% | 16,694 | 0.7% | 733 | - | 150 | - | (X) | (X) | 3,308 | (N/A) | 2,517,383 | (N/A) |
| 5% sample ² | (N/A) | 2,529,860 | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (X) | (X) | 3,320 | 0.1% | 2,526,540 | 99.2% |
| 1930 | 2,470,939 | 2,452,677 | 99.3% | 17,380 | 0.7% | 660 | - | 222 | - | (X) | (X) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) |
| 1920 | 2,404,021 | 2,384,181 | 99.2% | 19,005 | 0.8% | 529 | - | 306 | - | (X) | (X) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) |
| 1910 | 2,224,771 | 2,209,191 | 99.3% | 14,973 | 0.7% | 471 | - | 136 | - | (X) | (X) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) |
| 1900 | 2,231,853 | 2,218,667 | 99.4% | 12,693 | 0.6% | 382 | - | 111 | - | (X) | (X) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) |
| 1890 ³ | 1,912,297 | 1,901,090 | 99.4% | 10,685 | 0.6% | 457 | - | 65 | - | (X) | (X) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) |
| 1890 ⁴ | 1,911,896 | 1,901,086 | 99.4% | 10,685 | 0.6% | 60 | - | 65 | - | (X) | (X) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) |
| 1880 | 1,624,615 | 1,614,600 | 99.4% | 9,516 | 0.6% | 466 | - | 33 | - | Black | | | | | |
| 1870 | 1,194,020 | 1,188,207 | 99.5% | 5,762 | 0.5% | 48 | - | 3 | - | Total | | Free | | Slave | |
| 1860 | 674,913 | 673,779 | 99.8% | 1,069 | 0.2% | 65 | - | - | - | 1,069 | 100.0% | 1,069 | 100.0% | - | - |
| 1850 | 192,214 | 191,881 | 99.8% | 333 | 0.2% | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | 333 | 100.0% | 333 | 100.0% | - | - |
| 1840 | 43,112 | 42,924 | 99.6% | 188 | 0.4% | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (N/A) | 188 | 100.0% | 172 | 91.5% | 16 | 8.5% |

- Represents zero or rounds to 0.0
(X) Not applicable
(NA) Not available

¹ Hispanic origin based on Spanish language

² Hispanic origin based on the White population of Spanish mother tongue. Percentages shown based on sample data prorated from the 100-percent count of the White population and on the 100-percent count of the total population. These estimates are shown in italics

³ Includes Indian reservations

⁴ Excludes Indian reservations

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